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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided are a water-based ink composition characterized by containing 0.01 to 1.0 % by weight of high molecular saccharides (trade name: Daiyutan gum Diutan gum) represented by Formula 1 as an essential component in the ink composition and a ballpoint pen in which an ink reservoir in a main body is charged with the above water-based ink composition.